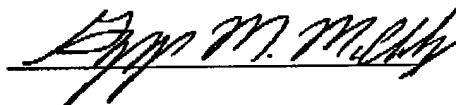


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2002, please enter an amendment in the above-mentioned application. Further, Applicant requests reconsideration in light of the following remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a clean set of all pending claims is included in the Addendum attached hereto.